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In re Application of  
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APPARATUS AND METHOD AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM STORING  
INFORMATION MEDIATING  
PROGRAM THEREIN

DECISION ON PETITION  
REGARDING REQUEST TO  
WITHDRAW FINALITY

This is a decision on applicant's Petition to the Commissioner according to 37 CFR 1.181 which was filed March 7, 2006 requesting withdrawal of the finality of the office action mailed December 7, 2005 as being premature. The delay in treating this petition is sincerely regretted.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot**.

A review of the record shows that a final Office action was mailed on December 7, 2005. An amendment-after-final rejection was filed on March 7, 2006, along with the instant petition. A Request for Continued Examination was filed on June 6, 2006. Subsequently, during the course of prosecution, a Notice of Allowability was mailed on March 3, 2008. Therefore, since the situation addressed in the petition is no longer at issue, the petition is dismissed as moot.

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